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Anthropology + Architecture: Understanding the impact of *where* we work on *how* we work as anthropologists...

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An engineer, an architect, and an anthropologist walk into a conference room...

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PAPER ABSTRACT

Ethnographers are urged to “be there”, in the field, in order to gain insight about a particular culture. When the field is unreachable, or does not yet exist, the applied anthropologist must adapt their methods accordingly while maintaining the integrity of their research. The space industry presents a unique case study for such a dilemma. Drawing on Bourdieu’s 1977 reflection on the structural constraints and the forming of unconscious schemes of thought imposed by the material world on the body, this paper considers the affect of the presence and absence of place in applied, collaborative anthropological work.